





## CRUELLY BEATEN

Was the Claim Made by  
Mrs. Boone in Court.

## DIVORCE WAS GRANTED HER

Motions Were Made in Many Other  
Cases—List of the Entries  
on the Dockets Today.

The separate maintenance case of Eliza J. Carter vs. Edwin J. Carter of Maroa was on trial today in the circuit court. Attorney Leforge appeared for Mrs. Carter and Attorney Hutchinson appeared for the defendant. There were a large number of witnesses. The case will probably be finished before court adjourns this evening.

The divorce case of Mrs. Mary E. Boone vs. William Boone was heard at noon. Mrs. Boone testified that her husband repeatedly beat her and on one occasion injured her quite severely. One of the witnesses, Mrs. Whittington, testified that Boone threatened to kill his wife if she secured a divorce and Mrs. Boone said she would die before going back to live with the man. Judge Vail granted the divorce. The entries on the dockets today were as follows:

## COMMON LAW.

Elizabeth Elenz vs. John D. Fritz; attachment. Proof of publication. William Traver vs. John Traver et al; assumption. Rule to show extended to second Saturday.

Margaret E. Jackson vs. Rosalia Salonga et al; appeal. Rule on plaintiff for statement of claim by second Saturday.

## CHANCERY.

The Loebe Foundry Co. vs. George D. Haworth; chancery. Master's report of proof and conclusions and exceptions by defendant.

Samuel B. Crissey vs. Truman Crissey et al; foreclosure. Dismissed by complainant without prejudice at his costs.

Lowber Barrows, trustee, et al vs. Truman B. Crissey et al; foreclosure. Dismissed by complainant at his costs without prejudice.

David Wall et al vs. William S. Wall et al; partition. Decree pro confesso adult defendants not answering; J. H. Latham appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants and referred for proof and conclusions.

Mary E. Boone vs. William M. Boone; divorce. Decree pro confesso. Cause heard and decrees as prayed.

George Gillen vs. Anna G. Martin; foreclosure. Dismissed by complainant without prejudice at his costs.

Abdell T. Risley vs. James L. Reynolds; foreclosure. Rule to answer extended to second Saturday; appearance of John R. King entered in writing.

Weiden C. Smith, conservator, et al. vs. Oliver M. Scott et al; chancery. Decree pro confesso as to adult defendants and J. H. McCoy appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.

Samuel Swinchart by J. L. Drake, conservator, vs. Minnie Painter et al; partition. Bill dismissed as to Wilson and referred on bill and cross bill for proof and conclusion.

Savings Fund Building and Loan association vs. John T. Owens et al; foreclosure. Referred for proof and computation.

Simo vs. Samuel R. Saffern et al; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred for proof and computation.

Mattie Reich vs. Charles Reich; divorce. Dismissed at cost of complainant.

Henrietta Rueker vs. Ann E. Lichtenberger et al; partition. Report of sale and stricken with leave.

Decree pro confesso entered in the following:  
James H. Legans vs. Mary Legans; divorce.  
Lurana Jackson vs. James Jackson; divorce.  
Margaret E. Bouillon vs. John O. Bouillon; divorce.  
Sarah A. Jimison vs. Lawrence Jimison; divorce.  
Nicholas Lounash vs. Deliah S. Lounash; divorce.  
Arta Owens vs. Abraham Owens; divorce.  
Rea Ringland vs. Rosa Ringland; divorce.  
Edward D. Schenck vs. Eva V. Schenck; divorce.  
Mary West vs. William H. West; divorce.  
Ella Anderson vs. Jasper Anderson; divorce.  
Fred Spivey vs. Betta Spivey; divorce.  
Leone Cain vs. Frank Cain; divorce.  
Ada K. Bartlett vs. Thomas D. Bartlett; divorce.  
Charles T. Jordan vs. Rosa Jordan; divorce.  
Matilda Ikeard vs. William Ikeard; divorce.

Decree pro confesso and referred for proof and conclusions entered in the following:  
Edward Barry, receiver, et al. vs. J. B. Heckersmith; foreclosure.  
John M. Maris vs. Joseph McMahon et al; foreclosure.  
Charles P. Thatcher vs. Mary F. Robinson; foreclosure.  
Florence N. Catta, administratrix, et al. vs. Thomas B. Grady; foreclosure.

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James R. Patterson vs. Edward L. Martin et al; foreclosure.  
People's Savings and Loan Association vs. Frank W. Caldwell et al; foreclosure.  
John B. Prossly vs. Harry C. Scullin et al; foreclosure.  
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## VERY WORST KIND.

A Backache That Causes the  
Greatest of Suffering.

A Certain Cause Which Also Has a  
Certain Cure, as Proven by  
Experience.

We ask you to believe what we say about Morrow's Kid-ne-oids because we publish only facts. We are honest in all our statements and we prove our claims by Decatur people. Mrs. George R. Duncan, 955 Decatur St., adds her evidence in favor of Morrow's Kid-ne-oids as follows: "I had pains in my back and my head ached and I felt tired all over; I heard Morrow's Kid-ne-oids recommended for backache, and decided to try them; the first few doses of Kid-ne-oids gave me immediate relief; my kidney trouble began after my last child was born; I could hardly get around the house, but since using Morrow's Kid-ne-oids I am feeling much better generally and my back is well."

Kid-ne-oids will positively cure a weak back and nervousness. Three-fourths of the so-called female troubles are all due to a bad condition of the kidneys. If women would keep these organs in proper condition, they would not suffer from backache and that tired languid feeling. Kid-ne-oids strengthen the back and tone the kidneys.

Kid-ne-oids are not pills but Yellow Tablets, which is the scientific form of preparing medicine, and are put up in wooden boxes which contain enough for about two weeks' treatment and sell at 25 cents a box at Armstrong Bros. Drug store.

A descriptive booklet will be mailed upon request by John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

The only cleanable refrigerator is the North Star Scovill Co. sole agents. —4-29-dtf

## F. F. RANDOLPH DEAD.

A Former Resident of Decatur Passed  
Away Yesterday in Chicago.

This morning Wilson Bering received a telegram from Cyrus Randolph at Chicago stating that F. F. Randolph had died yesterday afternoon in that city. Pneumonia was given as the cause of death. The deceased formerly resided in Decatur and was known by many in the city. He came here from Indiana in 1889 and at one time owned a partnership in the Shillabarger mill. He owned and occupied the large residence on South Franklin street which is now owned by L. Harkrader, and had a good deal of money at different times. He was interested in the business of handling barrel staves, manufactured in Indiana and managed the business while residing in this city. In 1891 Mr. Randolph moved to Chicago, where he has since resided and at which place his wife died several years ago. Mr. Randolph is survived by one son, Cyrus Randolph, who also lives in Chicago.

Mr. Randolph has been in poor health for some time past and last week he was taken to a hospital, where he could be better treated. He was about 70 years old.

Carpets 9c per yard and up at Scovill's. —4-29-dtf

## PERSONAL.

—Jacob Keck is in St. Louis on a business trip.

—Dr. E. F. Slasher will spend Sunday in St. Louis.

—Miss Hattie Keiser will spend Sunday in St. Louis.

—Miss Ida Pratt of Chicago arrived in the city this afternoon to visit her uncle, F. M. Pratt, and other relatives.

—Dr. S. H. Swain was called to Long Creek and Hammond yesterday on professional business.

The Nashville.

Will look well in a picture taken with a Kodak. \$2 to \$30. Decatur Gun Co.

At the Congregational church Sunday evening Rev. W. C. Miller will give the third sermon in his series on "Wayside Thoughts for Sunday Evening." Subject, "Two and Two Make Four."

You can see the gunboat Nashville by making the Illinois Central to St. Louis next Saturday or Sunday. —11-3t

There are several good entertainments at the St. Louis theatres. The Illinois Central Daylight Special will get you there in time for the theatre. —11-3t

Photo Albums. Decatur Gun Co. The Saturday Afternoon Euchre club met today after a vacation of four weeks. Miss Anna Irish was the hostess.

Musical Division.

There will be an election of officers at the meeting of the Musical division of the Woman's club on Friday next. This is the last meeting of the season and it is highly important that all members be in attendance.

The round trip to St. Louis Saturday and Sunday is only \$1.50. —11-3t

As a Table Water.

Sprudel is the Most Palatable of Carbonated Waters. Increases the Appetite, Cures Dyspepsia, prevents the Fermentation of Food in process of Digestion, Aids Digestion and removes or prevents Sour Stomach, or Heart Burn, so-called.

North Star Refrigerators/sole agents Scovill Co. —4-29-dtf

Every one should take Illinois Central to St. Louis Saturday and Sunday. —11-3t

## Manufacturer's Samples

OF

LADIES' WAISTS and CHILDREN'S

AT

...Muslin Underwear...

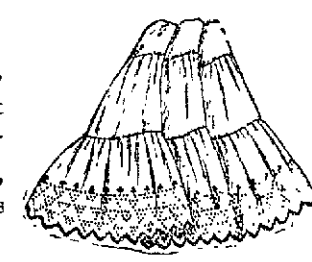
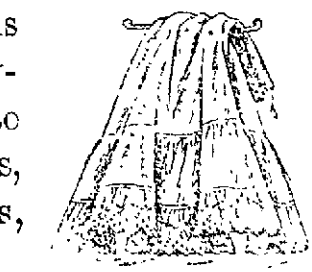
HALF PRICE.



We have bought the entire sample stock of the largest manufacturer of *Fine Muslin Underwear* in this country, comprising several thousand exquisite pieces---Night Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers, Chemises, Skirts, Etc.

There are but one or two garments of a kind, and every piece is absolutely perfect. Every one knows the manufacturer's traveling men's samples are the master pieces. Most of the pieces show signs of handling, a little soiled or mussed---otherwise they are not injured.

You may not need these garments now, but the prices we quote are less than the cost of manufacture, and it means that you can save at the very least 75 per cent. by buying now, instead of a month or six weeks hence.



Bradley Bros  
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY  
Decatur, Ill.

## Will Build a Culvert.

The town clerk has the plans for a culvert which will be built on the Springfield road at a point about three and one-half miles west of the city. The structure will be of brick and Portland cement and will take the place of a small bridge. About 75,000 brick will be used. The culvert will be cheaper than a bridge and will be much better.

Granulated cork is the best non-conductor known. —4-29-dtf

## Heavy Rains.

There were heavy rains yesterday in the vicinity of Casner and La Place. The farmers had about all the rain they needed and the rainfall of yesterday was superfluous.

Ride a Monarch and keep in front. Illinois Cutlery Co.

Excursion to St. Louis via Illinois Central R. R. Sunday, May 14, leaving here on Daylight Special at 3:51 Saturday afternoon. Returning only on Diamond Special, leaving St. Louis 9:10 Sunday night. \$1.50 round trip. —11-3t

The White Separator is used only on the Insurance Gasoline stove. Scovill Co., sole agents. —4-29-dtf

Two million Americans suffer the torturing pains of dyspepsia. No need to. Burdock Blood Bitters cures. Any drug store.

Any child can operate an Insurance Gasoline stove. —4-29-dtf

GRAND OPERA HOUSE  
J. F. GIVEN, Manager.

4 NIGHTS AND SATURDAY MATINEE  
—Commencing—

THURSDAY, MAY 18.

...EDISON'S...  
Marvelous Reproduction  
Of the World Famous...

Passion  
Play

As presented in Ober Ammergan every ten years.

AN ADDITIONAL FEATURE  
Of Absorbing Interest,

The War Fought Over Again  
Showing With Life-Like Motion

BOMBARDMENTS.  
ENGAGEMENTS  
AND INCIDENTS  
In the Late War.

PRICES—Night.....15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.  
Matinee.....10c and 25c.

A Word to  
The Wise...

Isn't always necessary. Wise people have their eyes open and they know when and where they are well treated. Our army of customers are the best and wisest people in Decatur. They include capitalists and laborers---the brightest people in all walks of life. They stand by us because we stand by them. We sell shoes on the basis that has made this the leading shoe store of Decatur for nearly half a century. Many customers who commenced buying shoes here ten, twenty, thirty and forty years ago are still buying here because they always know what kind of value they are going to get. The smallest profits and the best goods have been the only "secret" of our success.

FOLRATH,

BOTH  
'PHONES.

Shoer for the Whole Family.

SIGN OF THE OLD COBBLER.

## BOYS

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## Boys' Summer

In Blue Serg  
Plaids, Etc., in  
Worsted.

All Wool Suit, double  
pants extra good wear  
\$3

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Summer Underw  
New Night Robe  
New Fancy Shirt

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## AGENTS FOR

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The Reliable Clothiers,  
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## SOROSIS

## The New Shoe for

The Standard of Excellence  
the best, no matter what the price,  
higher and lower priced shoes, but  
produce capable of giving such  
satisfaction in the wear.

This is why SOROSIS Shoes  
so rapidly in favor.

Leaders of fashion wear at  
SOROSIS, as their peculiar con-  
sistent in their appearance as well  
possible an easy, graceful carriage.

The arch of the foot is support-  
battered from wearing Sorosis shoes.

This Trade Mark in  
Price \$

FOR SALE  
RODGERS

150 Merch  
FREEMAN BRO

More than 3,000 biscuits were  
baked and served during our baking  
contest told their own story. The h  
best and beautifully browned in  
the no matter what claims are  
Gasoline Stove made that does

satisfaction the Quick Meal does.  
worth double what they cost you  
love is the safest Stove in the  
Come and see the full line show

Bachman Bros

240--252 EAST



A Rock of Safety in a Sea of Trouble.

"I had a terrible cough something over  
a year ago and could do nothing to stop  
it or even to do me a particle of good. I  
changed to see an advertisement of yours,  
and forthwith bought a bottle of your in-  
valuable 'Golden Medical Discovery.' Be-  
fore I had taken half a bottle I was entirely  
well."—J. M. Parr, Esq., of Cameron,  
Screen Co., Ga.



# **Children's Samples** **OF K** **and CHILDREN'S** **Underwear...**

AT K  
**PRICE.**

ought the entire sample stock of manufacturer of **Fine Muslin**

tr in this comprising sev- and exquisite light Gowns, Corset Covers, Skirts, Etc.

Two or two garments of a kind, and every piece is Every one knows the manufacturer's traveling masterpieces. Most of the pieces show signs little soiled or mused—otherwise they are not

ed these garments as we quote are less manufacture, and it can save at the very by buying now, month or six weeks

**Brothers**  
Decatur, Ill.

## **BOYS'** **Dep't.**



### Boys' Summer Suits==

In Blue Serge, neat Checks, Plaids, Etc., in Cassimere and Worsted.

All Wool Suit, double seat and knees—pantaloons good wearers, at---

**\$3.00 and \$2.50.**

### BOYS' Long Pants Suits...

In the New Styles, Up-to-Date Make,

**\$6.00 to \$15.**

### NEW FURNISHINGS==

Summer Underwear, 25c to \$2.50.  
New Night Robes, New Hosiery.  
New Fancy Shirts, 50c to \$2.00.

### NEW STYLES SUMMER HATS.

Straw Hats by the thousands, for men & boys.

**AGENTS FOR KNOX HATS.**

## OTTENHEIMER & CO.,

The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.  
MASONIC TEMPLE BLOCK.

## SOROSIS

### The New Shoe for Women

The Standard of Excellence in Shoes, and the best no matter what the price. There are higher and lower priced shoes, but nothing ever produced capable of giving such complete satisfaction in the wear.

This is why SOROSIS Shoes are growing so rapidly in favor.

Leaders of fashion wear and recommend SOROSIS, as their peculiar construction gives the foot a smart appearance as well as making possible an easy, graceful carriage in walking.

The arch of the foot is supported and never fatigued from wearing SOROSIS shoes.



This Trade Mark in the sole of every shoe.

**Price \$3.50 Everywhere.**

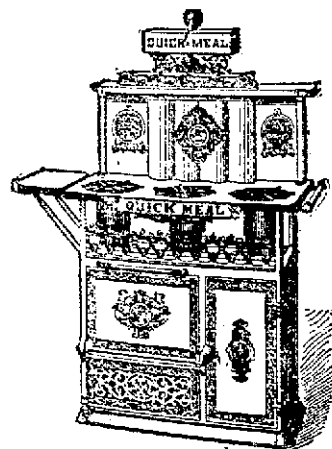
FOR SALE ONLY BY

**RODGERS & CLARK,**

150 Merchant Street.

FREEMAN BROS.' OLD STAND.

More than 2,000 biscuits were baked in Quick Meal Gasoline ovens and served during our baking exhibit and opening. The biscuits told their own story. The hundreds of women who saw them baked and beautifully browned in less than four minutes, will testify that whatever claims are made by others, there never was a Gasoline Stove made that does the baking and gives the perfect



satisfaction the Quick Meal does. They cost a little more but are worth double what they cost you. The Quick Meal Gasoline Stove is the safest Stove in the world. Come and see the full line shown by us.

**Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.**  
240-252 EAST MAIN STREET.

## CHASE & SANBORN'S

### Coffee and Teas.

NOTHING BETTER.

For sale only at

**The Economy.**

### LOCAL NEWS.

Caldwell's street carriages, 15 cents to any part of the city. Leave orders at Greider's Restaurant, old telephone No. 1831.—mch31-dtf

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates. mch22-tf

The first of the season, \$1 to Indianapolis and return, Sunday, May 14, via I. D. & W. Special train leaving at 6:30 a. m. Returning leave Indianapolis at 6:30 p. m.—8-dtd

You pay a little more for the clothes that Deaz makes but—

Excursion to St. Louis via Illinois Central R. R. Sunday, May 14, leaving here on Daylight Special at 3:51 Saturday afternoon. Returning only on Diamond Special leaving St. Louis 9:10 Sunday night. \$1.50 round trip.—11-3t

Official maps of the city, size about 5 feet square, for sale by W. E. Colladay, City Engineer's office or L. Chodas' news house.—may5-dtf

Don't forget the \$1 excursion to Indianapolis Sunday, May 14. Special train leaves here at 6:30 a. m., via the I. D. & W. Returning leaves Indianapolis at 6:30 p. m.—8-dtd

Dr. E. F. McMenamy of Bethany expects to soon go to Crowley, La., and if he likes the country he may invest in rice lands.

Coughs and colds, down to the very borderland of consumption, yield to the soothing, healing influences of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Sold by all druggists.

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You can go to St. Louis over the Illinois Central either on the Daylight special at 3:51 p. m. Saturday or the Diamond Special at 2:55 a. m. Sunday.

Monarch Bicycles—easy terms. Illinois Cattle Co.

Get your Films and Plates tonight. Decatur Gun Co.

Impossible to foresee an accident. Not impossible to be prepared for it. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil—Mourner over pain. Sold by all druggists.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. CHESBAM, Gates Mills, La. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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If you are in need of footwear Rodgers & Clark's ad. will certainly interest you.—28-dtf

Take in the cheap excursion to St. Louis via Wabash next Saturday and Sunday and see the greatest Nashville. The boat that fired the first shot in the late Spanish-American war.—10-tf

Take a Kodak To St. Louis, get a picture of the Nashville. We have them from \$3 to \$50. Decatur Gun Co.

Sprudel, King of Mineral Waters. Unsurpassed as a beverage and a table water. The best Kidney Tonic and Restorative known. A corrective for Dyspepsia, Headache and Constipation. Price, \$1.00 per dozen.

Combination Sale Next Monday. The May sale of Ed. W. Hill & Co. will be held at Dimmock's barn Monday of next week and promises to be a large one. Over 100 horses are entered and about 60 head of Shorthorn and Hereford cattle will be sold. Buyers have learned that these sales are important and no trouble is had to get plenty of them in attendance. J. T. Ward is the auctioneer and high prices will prevail.

### MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY B. Z. TAYLOR, Chicago, May 13.

Wheat	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Wheat	70 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2
Barley	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Oats	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Hay	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Stocks	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Gold	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Silver	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Iron	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Copper	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Lead	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Zinc	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Flour	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
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Wool	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

To-day's Receipts—Car Lots. Wheat—25, Estimated 25, a year ago, 367. Corn—102, Estimated 102, a year ago, 653. Oats—32, Estimated 32, a year ago, 520.

Estimates for Tomorrow. Wheat 72, Corn 115, Oats 32.

Hay 12, Stock 12, Gold 12, Silver 12, Iron 12, Copper 12, Lead 12, Zinc 12, Flour 12, Wool 12.

Receipts, 10%; market steady.

The largest line of velvet carpets is at Scovill's.—4-29-dtf

## "CYRANO'S" NOSE

Appearance of Richard Mansfield at the Grand.

Splendid Presentation of Rostand's Romantic Drama Before a Large Audience—Elaborate Scenic Effects.

The regular theatrical season in Decatur closed last night with the famous and the best attraction to be had in America—Richard Mansfield's own company in Rostand's five-act romantic drama, "Cyrano de Bergerac"—a crowning treat in the galaxy of splendid shows Manager Given has brought to the city during the amusement season. Mr. Mansfield, who first appeared in Decatur less than six years ago in "Beau Brummell" to less than a \$300 house, is the best actor now appearing before the public, excelling Henry Irving in the naturalness of his work and in the perfection of his art. Last night he was at his best, with the box office receipts \$1500, and he gave the large and fashionable audience an elaborate production of the play which has packed the halls in the larger cities for months and is destined to have an indefinite successful run. It is probably the most elaborate and pleasing stage production Decatur people will witness at home in many years. The performance may have been a disappointment to some of the playgoers. If it was it was because they were not familiar with the beautiful lines. Mansfield acting was beyond criticism and his support was excellent throughout. Decatur young men, young women and children to the number of 30 or more took part in several scenes. The part of Roxane by Miss Katherine Grey was a finished piece of acting. In the principal scenes she divided the honors with Mr. Mansfield, who throughout the play is the central figure. The curtain rose at 7:45 and fell on the last act at 11:30. The audience was thoroughly appreciative, giving Mr. Mansfield several curtain calls, to which he was not quick to respond, except at the close of the second act. The company left at about 2 a. m. on a special train for Springfield.

### STORY OF THE PLAY.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" is a romantic play with much action and spirited climaxes. The hero is ugly, brave, loving and quixotic. He cherishes in his heart an undying flame for Roxane and yet he does everything in his power to help on the suit of Christian, his rival. His whole life is one of bravery and self denial, and in the end, when he dies, he would never have confessed his passion and noble self-sacrifice if Roxane had not guessed his secret and torn an unwilling confession from his lips. It is beautiful, lyrical, inspiring. Act first represents the theatre of the Hotel de Bourgogne, where a performance is about to be given by Montfleury and a troupe of the King's players. The loges and parquets are gradually roused by the tumult of picturesque elements which made up the society and Bohemia of the 17th century. Cyrano has forbidden Montfleury to appear. The curtain rises, the play begins, Cyrano, who has arrived unobserved, drives the actor from the stage. A young fop resents the intrusion. Cyrano seizes the dual opportunity to make an impression on Roxane, whom he sees in a box, and to punish the dandy who has called attention to his nose. He fights a duel as he improvises a ballade. As the theatre is emptied Roxane sends her Duenna to make a rendezvous with Cyrano. The knight of the big nose is overwhelmed with joy, he believes he has won the precious. Act two represents the bakery of a poetical pastry cook where Cyrano and his Gascon cadets congregated. It is the rendezvous appointed for Roxane. She comes. She tells of the great love which overflows her heart. Alas, Cyrano hears it is for Christian, an Apollo with no wit. Roxane begs the brave and witty Cyrano to protect him. He promises the most ironical pledge that could be asked of him. A moment after he proves his chivalry when he declines to resent Christian's insulting strictures on his nose, but this succession of absorbing scenes leads to the act's effective end when Cyrano vehemently resents the insult of another to whom he is under no sacrificial bond. Cyrano knows that Roxane, even in love, will demand more than physical charms, so he becomes Christian's mentor and the beauty of Christian and the intellect of Cyrano produce an ideal hero. Act third is Roxane's garden. Here Christian comes to woo her. But he, alas, can only stammer out "I love you," and Cyrano from prompting in the shadow of the balcony takes his place with artful imitation of his voice. He pours out his own love with all his fervor, wit and eloquence. Roxane is roused to ecstasy. She calls Christian to climb the balcony, and as she kisses him, Cyrano below, like Lazarus at this feast of love, knows that he has won her, but not for his grotesque self, but for Christian. De Guiche, who is another suitor and a noble, comes, and while the lovers are wed within, Cyrano artfully keeps him without in a scene of remarkable invention and wit. The captain for revenge orders the cadets from Paris to war.

Act four is the battlefield. Roxane

has come to visit her husband. Christian is roused to a consciousness of his perfidy in accepting her love which he knows is inspired by Cyrano's character and gifts reflected in him. Stung with self reproach he plunges into battle to be killed. It is the only solution he sees. He is killed and the great secret is now Cyrano's. He will never flinch, but will leave Roxane's memory of her dead husband undisturbed. Fifteen years later, however, in an autumn twilight in the garden of the Convent, where Roxane has retired, the secret is betrayed. Cyrano has been struck by an assassin as he is on his way to visit her. Roxane brings his letter which Christian had on his person when killed. She gives it to Cyrano to read, and he, forgetting the twilight is so dim he could scarcely see, reads on fluently. Roxane guesses the truth, that he wrote all the love poems. Cyrano's wound overcomes him. There in the garden he dies with Roxane's kiss on his brow.

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## FEMININE FRILLS

Pretty Fancies in Dress Details—New French Novelties and Dainty Trifles.

Pretty little collar clasps come in all sorts of pretty designs to fasten ribbons around the neck. There are butterflies and conventional patterns in various colors, in enamel and with mock precious stones.

Pale blue and lavender are seen combined in ostrich tips, which are of one color, tipped with the other, and are worn on hats in which the two colors in delicate shades are combined. A pretty silk blouse of pale blue has, on either side of a narrow white vest, rather broad pieces of lavender silk satin. With the blouse is worn a pale blue hat.

A new French novelty, which is inexpensive, is for the neck, and consists of a simple strap, which may be black or any fancy shade, with metal eyelets set in on one side of the strap and a regulation small trunk buckle on the other. It has the one charm of being new. Belts after this style in leather were not inappropiate, as around the waist they had the appearance of supporting the skirt, but too many buckles give a woman the appearance of an express package, ready for transportation.

Some of the late round waists are trimmed with narrow bands in contrasting color, in scallops running across the waist, giving an appearance of being shingled. The first three rows are carried across the tops of the sleeves. The sailor hat is not supposed to appear until summer, but it is already to be seen on the street. Women wear their clothes more and more according to the weather and their inclinations than to the seasons. One pretty girl wore a rather large hat, of the sailor family, with a soft crown, and another wore one with a bit of black lace twisted around it. A pretty sailor in the shop has black velvet twisted around it with apparent carelessness, loops spreading out in three large loops at the side and two or three large loop-headed pins standing up from them. This is going to be a year when a bit of lace can be twisted around everything. From a sailor or to a foot-curling hat, and be pretty and in a mode.

Jackets are so short, coming barely below the waist line, that the two or three scallops which finish many of them mark them as this season's production and they will not be serviceable garments for a second year's wear. A little plain, black jacket made straight all the way around and of rough finished cloth will do better duty for the economical woman.

The scallop, large and small, is doing duty still in every position where it can be used, but occasionally an attempt at variation is seen in battlement effects.

The girl who likes a little color in her pretty handkerchiefs is buying them with the narrow hems each of a different shade, or a good number of some particular color which she affects; then writing her name









## THE OLD DAYS OF SAILING.

With the Passing of the Romance of the Sea Old-Fashioned Methods Have Gone.

According to some of the old sailors, who believe that the romance has died out of the seafaring trade since steamships came into general use, the modern sea captain is not to be compared with the skippers of days gone by when it comes to practical experience in seamanship. The captains of the steamships, they say, have everything so well mapped out for them that they are not likely to make mistakes if they have a fair knowledge of seamanship, but they would be lost under circumstances where the old skippers would come out strong. These circumstances, since the world is better known now than in the days they refer to. A boathouse proprietor, who is now nearly 50 years old and who was mate in a trans-Atlantic bark and was before the mast for 40 years previously in different parts of the world, said, in talking of his early days at sea:

"Since the patent log has come into use no skill, for instance, is required in finding the speed of a vessel. It is regulated by clockwork, and the number of knots the vessel sails per hour is recorded on the dial without any hand touching it. But in the old days before the patent log came into use the heaving of the log required skill and watchfulness. A duffer couldn't heave the log properly so as to stop it at the exact time. Those were the days when a skipper had all his senses trained so keenly that nothing could mislead him. I have known skippers who could guess to a quarter of a knot the speed of a vessel when a logline happened to break with the force of the throw, before a new line was rigged up.

"I sailed for some years with an old captain of a brig, who, when the vessel was not making more than five or six knots an hour, could tell, by spitting out the quid of tobacco he was chewing and watching it fall, how many knots she was making by noting how far off the quid struck the water. He always guessed it to perhaps an eighth of an eighth of a knot, and if he was in a hurry and had a quid in his mouth which was pretty well used up, he would tell the crew not to heave the log. Of course he could not do this if his vessel were making seven or eight or ten knots an hour.

"Then, again, you couldn't find any captain of a steamship now, I believe, who could guess the leeway a vessel was making. The steamship captains have to find it out by making observations, I have known lots of old skippers who could tell the leeway by the direction of the wind and watching the water. You see they did not get such a fine scientific training as the sea captains have to get at present, and the different currents that might affect a vessel's course were not charted out as they are now. Consequently the old men had to depend on a good deal on their own resources, and could notice many things that it is not necessary to notice now. These old skippers could sometimes find out the currents and their direction by throwing bits of wood overboard and make their calculations like lightning.

"Yes, it's a fact that the sailing of ships has got to be an exact science now. There is no need now of the quickness in grasping the meaning of every cross current that it used to require in the old days. The old salt who had his wits sharpened by having to depend on a good deal on his own quick senses is dying out. I don't pretend to say that the old conditions were good as the new. The sea captain of the present day has to be better educated and pass a severer examination on the theory of navigation than the old skippers, but we will never, to my mind, have as good practical seamen as in the old days. Of course, no one must kick at the march of improvement, but I must say that navigating a ship isn't at all an interesting thing now."—N. Y. Sun.

## AID TO ARCHEOLOGISTS.

Many Important Discoveries to Be Made in the Newly Opened Soudan.

The opening of the Soudan offers a rich field for the archeologist, and Egyptology will be enriched by many important "finds." A large number of monuments of Egypt's power which have never been thoroughly investigated lie scattered about upper Nubia. The temples of Soleb, the ruins of the great Cushite cities Napata and Meroe, of which the latter is 500 miles above Assuan, between the fifth and sixth cataracts, the antiquities at El-Mesarat, eight hours' journey from Shendi, are all waiting for the archeologist. In fact, it is almost a virgin country, for its antiquarian treasures have not been investigated since Callaud, the French traveler, studied them in the early part of this century. His work, "Voyage a Meroe," published in 1826, is still the main authority for a country which is not the cradle of Egyptian culture as was at one time supposed to be full of memorials of the power of the Pharaohs. English archeologists have not been idle in following in the stride of the Egyptian and Assyrian departments at the British museum, was there last year, and has been visiting some of the antiquities in the neighborhood of Shendi this year. He returned to Cairo a few days ago from the Soudan. His discoveries have not been made public, and the result of his important investigations are impatiently awaited by all who take an interest in Egypt's wonderful past.—London Chronicle.

## Tales of the Dead.

Dead men tell no tales, but if wealthy their alleged heirs will tell enough of them.—Chicago Daily News.

Mankind is divided into two classes—those who ride bicycles and those who dodge them.

Pampadour combs set with semi-precious stones are very popular.

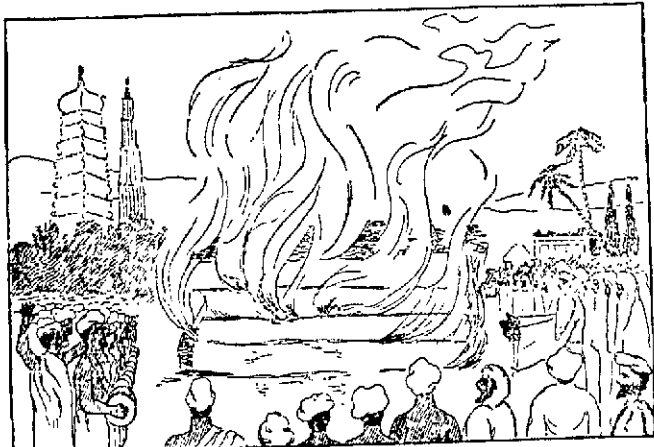
Garter buckles of gold set with gems of the color of the fabric of the garter are popular.

Silver cups and mugs with the pennants of yacht and boat clubs in enamel are extensively shown.

## A Woman's Fearful Sacrifice.

The place is India. The scene the celebration of suttee; that rite by which the Hindu widow immolated herself in the fire that burned her husband's body. Who can fancy the woman's feelings as she made the procession circuit of that pyre, and at last climbed to its top and stretched herself by the clay that had been her husband! Then the torch was applied and as the flames wrapped her about, the attendants beat their tom-toms and the priests chanted in loud tones, to drown the shrieks and cries that came from the suffering victim.

Yet after all it is doubtful if the Hindu widow sacrificed and suffered as much for a dead husband as American wives do for the husbands who live. What are a few brief moments of smothering smoke and scorching flame compared with a daily agony, a monthly martyrdom, a life-long sacrifice! That is what marriage means for so many women. That horrible backache. That terrible bearing down pain. The fire of inflammation, scorching, scorching, hour by hour, day by day. Ulcers eating like acids into the delicate parts on which they have fastened. The whole sensitive female organism unbalanced. The



head throbbing, the back aching. "The whole head sick and the whole heart faint." Surely the passing pangs of the suttee cannot compare with those pangs which persist day after day.

But there is another singular resemblance to the suttee in this sacrifice: Women are often persuaded to drown the cries of the outraged nerves by opiates, narcotics, bromides and so-called nerve medicines and tonics. But just as the woman in the fire suffers through her shrieks and cries, so the fire of inflammation burns on, although the cries of the nerves are quieted by some destructive drug.

Look at this fact from another point of view. Suppose your child cries in hunger and you give it landanum. It will stop crying and go off into a sound slumber. But the hunger will not be appeased. When the child wakes there will be a keener hunger, which must either be satisfied, or the child dragged again into quiet. And the end of that process is death. Opiates do not feed. Opiates do not nourish. Cocaine, bromides, and similar preparations dull the senses, stupefy the nerves, in effect, make them drunken. They rob the system of vital force but they never contribute one jot to the body's health or strength.

## THE RED LABEL

belongs to all bottles containing such dangerous drugs. The red label is the druggist's danger signal and means poison. There is one relief for women, a natural relief. It is to supply nature with the means to put out the fire of inflammation, to check the ravaging ulcer, to correct the irregularities, and stop the weakening drains. And no stimulant or opiate will ever do this. What will? There are half a million women who have been freed from pain and wholly healed who would say emphatically, "There is one medicine will cure, when doctors have failed and hope is almost exhausted. That one medicine is"—but let one woman of the half million speak for herself:

"I write to let you know the great benefit I have received from the use of your medicines," says Mrs. Sidney E. Oakes, of Whitwell, Pittsylvania Co., Va. "I am so grateful to you for your advice. When I commenced your medicines I had been treated by different doctors for three months or more, but would only receive partial relief for a short while and then would be worse than before their treatment. Was confined to my bed most of the time. At the time I commenced your treatment my left side was completely paralyzed. Had no appetite, no desire to eat anything; bowels costive all the time. Nerves were all unstrung, so I could not bear the least noise. I also suffered from diseased ovaries and female weakness. But thanks to my Maker and you, after following your advice, I am able to do all my washing, sewing and house work in general. I haven't had a spasm in two months. Left off medicines about one month ago. Didn't think it necessary to continue them longer. I have taken about seven bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, seven of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and two vials of 'Pleasant Pellets.'"

That is a case of real cure. There is no opium, no cocaine to numb the nerves in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, nor is there a drop of alcohol or whiskey to stimulate and delude by a semblance of strength. It is absolutely a temperance medicine. Its cures are due to its wonderful power over the delicate female organs, giving them vigor and vitality to fight against and overcome the diseases, which are merely trespassers on Nature and which Nature will

promptly eject when her strength is sufficiently re-inforced. This reinforcement is supplied by "Favorite Prescription."

## WOMEN! THINK OF IT!

Think what it means to be released from all the consequences of feminine disorders, to be well, to feel well, to look well; to eat, sleep and live in the full enjoyment of every function of Nature. All this is made possible by the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Women in the worst condition have tried it and been astonished at the results. There is Mrs. Lewis, who "suffered untold misery for fifteen years." Doctors couldn't help her. Other medicines failed to benefit her. She had "given up all hope of ever getting well." Then she tried "Favorite Prescription." Read her own statement of the result:

Mrs. Mary E. Lewis, of Tanner, Gilmer Co., W. Va., writes: "I will always recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and 'Pleasant Pellets,' for they cured me when doctors and other medicines failed. For fifteen years I suffered untold misery. When I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicines, I had given up all hope of ever getting well. I could not lie down to sleep, and everything I ate would almost

cramp me to death. Was very nervous and could hardly walk across the room. I only weighed ninety pounds when I commenced taking these medicines six years ago; I now weigh one hundred and forty pounds, and am having better health than before. My friends all say they can hardly believe that I am the same person; after being sick so long I have changed to be robust and rosy cheeked. I have taken fifteen bottles of 'Prescription,' fifteen of the 'Discovery,' and fifteen of the 'Pellets.' I take great pleasure in recommending your medicines to the sick, for I know that if it had not been for them I would not have been living today. I am very thankful to God, who put the great power in your medicines that cured me."

There's no experiment in using "Favorite Prescription." The results are so uniform, so regular that no woman could possibly read the story of cures of which we have given two examples out of some two hundred and fifty thousand letters, without being assured that her case was curable by Dr. Pierce's treatment.

## A GENEROUS AND GENUINE OFFER.

Women who are sick can consult Dr. Pierce by letter absolutely without fee or cost. This offer is as generous as it is genuine. Dr. Pierce is chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. For more than thirty years he has made a specialty of the treatment and cure of diseases peculiar to women. He has surrounded himself with a staff of nearly a score of medical counselors, every man a graduated physician, every man a specialist, each man particularly able in the treatment of some special form of disease. All this medical skill and ability is offered free to those who write. You can't get such skill in country towns. If you get it in cities, it costs large fees. It is offered by Dr. Pierce without cost. This method avoids the questions which a modest woman shrinks from answering, the offensive examinations, the unpleasant local treatments. State your case plainly and simply, as you can do when you know that your letter is a privileged communication, held as strictly private and sacredly confidential by Dr. Pierce, who will answer it promptly, sending the answer in a plain envelope, bearing no printing upon it. The private character of this correspondence with Doctor Pierce has been greatly appreciated by women, who have been the recipients of the paternal as well as professional advice given by him to each correspondent.

Any one can offer free medical advice. But only a physician can give it. It is well to examine all such offers, whether made by man or woman, for the mark of genuineness, which is the claim to a physician's title and ability. Cunningly worded advertisements seek to cover up this lack of medical learning in various ways, sometimes by playing upon a woman's sympathy and advising her to "write to a woman," etc. The "woman" doesn't claim medical knowledge. Yet she does claim medical practice. And to make the affair more complicated the law does not permit medical practice without medical knowledge, certified to by some institution of medical learning in the form of a diploma. What are you going to make of a man or woman who claims to be committing an illegal act, promptly and severely punishable by law, claims it openly and publicly, and yet who is not interfered with by the law? There is only one thing possible to make of such a claim—that it is utterly false. Investigation is necessary for self-protection. Many sick people who have

come for treatment to the institute presided over by Dr. Pierce, have been amazed to find that every claim made for Dr. Pierce's treatment was more than substantiated. It would surprise many and gratify all, to see the patients who fill the reception rooms day after day, new faces taking the place of those who are cured.

\$25,000.00 GIVEN AWAY.

In the past year Dr. Pierce has given away copies of the Common Sense Medical Adviser, at an actual cost (exclusive of postage), of twenty-five thousand dollars. This great work on medicine and hygiene discusses the questions vital to every woman's happiness, in plain English, and from a common sense view point. The book contains 1008 pages and more than 700 illustrations, and is sent absolutely free on receipt of stamps to defray expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the edition in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the same book cloth-bound. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.**

The Best Salve in the world for Out-Bruiises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Buffalo boasts a woman contractor who is also a quarry owner; she is the only feminine member of the building exchange.

**An Obstinate Sore Cured.**

Jas. G. Amherst, Della, O., writes: I had an obstinate sore on my face which everything else failed to heal; after one application of Bucklen's Salve it began to heal and after three applications it was entirely healed, leaving no scar. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The loser of the game is never accused of cheating.

By allowing the accumulations in the bowels to remain, the entire system is poisoned. DeWitt's Little Early Risers regulate the bowels. Try them and you will want to use them. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Women writ-servers are employed with great success.

If you have piles cure them. No use undergoing horrible operations that simply remove the results of the disease without disturbing the disease itself. Place your confidence in DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It has never failed to cure hemorrhoids; it will not fail to cure you. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

An entire block of houses in New York was papered by a young woman, who takes the contract for such orders from large builders.

Pneumonia, la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough readily yield to One Minute Cough Cure. It is a remedy in time and save a doctor's bill—or the undertaker's! H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

A handsome collar buckle is of gold in the shape of two bottles, set with precious stones.

If you suffer from tenderness or fullness on the right side, pains under shoulder-blade, constipation, biliousness, sick-headache, and feel dull, heavy and sleepy, your liver is torpid and congested. DeWitt's Little Early Risers will cure you promptly, pleasantly and permanently by removing the congestion and causing the bile ducts to open and flow naturally. They are room pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Shirt wrist! plus of gold, handsomely enameled and set with precious stones, are among the latest novelties.

Some of the results of neglected dyspeptic conditions of the stomach are cancer, consumption, heart disease and epilepsy. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure prevents all this by effecting a quick cure in all cases of dyspepsia. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Violet holders in gold are studded with semi-precious stones.

J. D. Bridge, editor and proprietor of the Democrat, Lancaster, N. H., says: "I would not be without One Minute Cough Cure for my boy, when troubled with a cold. It is the best remedy for croup I ever used." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Friendship hearts, or handsomely enameled and set with semi-precious stones, are extensively shown.

Don't think you can cure that slight attack of dyspepsia by dieting, or that it will cure itself. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will cure it; it "digests what you eat" and restores the digestive organs to health. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Another very pretty belt buckle is in the shape of the American flag, appropriately enameled and surrounded by a wreath of laurel.

Chas. R. Wessmar, 2503 Ashland st., Evanston, Ill., writes: My boy, 2½ years old, had a severe cold which refused to yield to any treatment until we tried Foley's Honey and Tar which gave immediate relief, and he was completely cured before using one bottle. Guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

A Jersey City woman makes her living by painting signs.

**When Weak, Weary and Wasted** from Kidney Diseases, why not try Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed medicine. 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Feminine detectives are 270 in number.

It makes no difference how bad the wound if you use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve; it will quickly heal and leave no scar. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

There are 1143 women clergymen.

## Special Offers.

We have received a great many requests to take gasoline stoves in exchange for gas ranges.

A large number of people using gasoline stoves desire to replace them with gas ranges, but do not feel able to throw them away.

We have decided to take gasoline stoves in exchange for gas ranges.

The prices of our gas ranges will remain the same, and we will allow you the value of your gasoline stove. If you desire to make an exchange of this kind, let us know and we will send a competent man to your house to examine your stove, give you prices and information.

The price of fuel gas has been reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per thousand cubic feet—a reduction of 33½ per cent.

The price of gasoline has advanced from 10 to 15 cents per gallon—an advance of 33½ per cent.

Gas is absolutely safe and infinitely better than any other fuel for cooking purposes.

A gasoline stove is not a cheap substitute for a gas range; it will not do the work of a gas range and even if it would, it is entirely too dangerous to place in any home.

A gas range does all the work the best coal range will do, does it better, quicker and cleaner, and saves money in doing it. The gas bills of those who cooked by gas the past year, averaged less than \$1.42 per month for the months they used the gas.

We set this magnificent range in your home ready to operate for \$15.00. We set a separate fuel meter and make connections FREE. To those who buy now we give 2,000 CUBIC FEET OF GAS, gratis. Do you suppose we could sell a \$22.00 range, give you \$2.00 worth of gas and make connections for \$15.00, if we did not know that gas would prove to you the best and cheapest fuel, and that when once tried you would always use it? We do this because we sell you the gas and expect you to be satisfied and become a permanent customer.

The industrious people who live upon salaries and who have comfortable little homes, most appreciate the economy and convenience of gas ranges.

We sell gas ranges upon small monthly payments if you prefer to buy that way.

Small gas stoves from 75 cents upward. Genuine Welsbach Lamps, complete with shade 65 cents. There are many cheap imitations of the "Welsbach" but we are the sole agents for the genuine. Mantles 15 cents.

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124 South Water Street.

The guaranty label on Devco Ready Paint amounts to an insurance policy. It is different from most guaranties: Talks about results, not materials. It says:

If you have any fault to find with this paint, at any time, either now or in painting, or after in wearing, tell your dealer about it. We authorize him to do what is right at our expense.

But do yourself and us the justice to follow instructions.

F. W. Devco & Company.

Notice: "Any fault, at any time; make it good at our expense."

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# HOW IS THIS for SPECIAL OFFERING?



14k 18 size Gold Filled Case, with 11 Jewel Nickle, Gold Finished American Movement, Stem Wind; regular value \$15.

## SPECIAL PRICES:

\$10.25 for Hunting, \$9.75 for Open Face—complete watch.

Guaranteed satisfactory timer. Call in and examine these goods. The BEST WATCH in the world for the money.

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**Insect Powder,  
Moth Balls,  
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FOR HOUSE CLEANING.**

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STORE.** LINCOLN SQUARE

### LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the Little J, 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22 ddt

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor—1-dt

Don't miss the St. Louis excursion via the Wabash Saturday and Sunday. Only \$1.50 round trip—10-4t

Fine candies at Gleason's, 143 East Prairie.

Fresh Kentucky blue grass and white clover. New stock of flower and garden seed. Nasturtium and sweet peas in bulk. First door south of opera house. Hughes & Funk—11 ddt

Buy a Chickering or Packard piano. They can be had at the C. B. Prescott music house. You will like them. Their style and quality cannot be excelled.

Excursion to St. Louis via Illinois Central R. R. Sunday, May 14, leaving here on Daylight Special at 3:51 Saturday afternoon. Returning only on Diamond Special leaving St. Louis 9:10 Sunday night. \$1.50 round trip—11 dt

W. H. Spence, painting paper hanging, kalsomining, etc. New phone, oco 637, residence 615—5 ddt

The grand jury is kept busy every day hearing stories of law violations.

Official Maps of the City for sale by W. E. Coladay, City Engineer's office or L. Chodak's News House.

May 5 ddt

The Cumberland Presbyterian church state Sunday school convention will be held at Sullivan beginning with June 6, and continuing in session for three days. Rev. S. J. Hawkins, brother of Rev. A. W. Hawkins of this city, is president of the association and will preside. Prominent Sunday school workers of this and the adjoining states will be present.

Spent Sunday, May 14, in Indianapolis. Only \$1 the round trip, via L. & W. Special train leaves here at 6:30 a. m. Returning leaves Indianapolis 6:30 p. m.—3 ddt

It seems that about everybody in this section who has the price will be in St. Louis Sunday to have a look at the United States gunboat Nashville.

Scratch, scratch, scratch, unable to attend to business during the day or sleep during the night. Itching piles, horrible plague. Doan's Ointment cures. Never fails. At any drug store. 50 cents.

State Sunday school convention next week.

St. Louis will be in gala attire next Sunday to welcome the gunboat Nashville. That you may join in the welcome the Wabash make an excursion rate there of \$1.50 the round trip. Trains leave Saturday 7:10 a. m., 5:15 p. m. and Sunday at 7:10 a. m. and 7:10 p. m. Don't miss this chance—10 dt

Attorney W. H. Black has had his appointment as delegate to the head camp of Modern Woodmen, which meet in St. Louis in June, confirmed.

Cooper Special Racers \$50. Illinois Cutlery Co.

The members of the Eastern Star are making arrangements to hold a carnival concert at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Johnson on North Main street on Monday evening, May 22.

The dining rooms of The Mrs. Clark Co., 151 1/2 Wabash avenue, Chicago are the best appointed and most modern in the city. They have been recently refitted, improved and enlarged, have an elaborate menu at moderate prices, and cater to those who demand the best. The restaurant on the seventh floor of the Association building in LaSalle street is also run by this company and is equally inviting and attractive.

Fire Bugs! \$200 Reward!

The undersigned association of premium payers are maintaining a fund out of which is offered a Reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of any incendiary in any of the associated towns. The numerous fires in the country at large and the resulting fire sales of damaged merchandise are a heavy burden on the property and business interests of the state. Property Owners' Fire Association, Rock Island, Ill.—may 3 ddt

Defiance Bicycle, \$30; King, \$25. Illinois Cutlery Co.

The Nat.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Godett leave this evening for St. Louis to see the gunboat and other sights. Mr. Godett, who is manager of the Riverside Natatorium, will visit the St. Louis Dats to get pointers for the season in Decatur. The Nat here will be open next week and Lou Bear will be Godett's assistant.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grape O. It is a delicious appetizing nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the most coffee but is free from all the untoward properties. Grape O. aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

## COUNTY BOARD

Standing Committees are Named by Mr. Allen.

ALL TO SERVE ONE YEAR

Good [Selections] Made with a Fair

Distribution of Honors—One

Committee Abolished

by Law.

In the selection of the standing committees of the county board it is evident that Chairman Allen has been impartial. There are 25 members of the board, 15 Republican and 10 Democrats. Of the 10 members placed at the head of the 10 committees, six are Republicans and four are Democrats, which is proportionately fair according to the representation of the two political parties on the board. Six of the Republican members of the board represent townships outside of Decatur. Three of these gentlemen have been named as chairman of three important committees. One has been placed on the tax and salary committee, and one on roads and bridges.

Nine of the Republican members of the board come from Decatur township, three of whom have been placed at the head of committees. One on tax and salary, and one on the road and bridge committee, and as the chairman of the board comes from this township, it will be seen that Decatur members are fairly recognized. Members most competent by long experience on the board have been assigned to places on the various committees where they could render the best service to the county. The four Democratic members to whom a chairmanship has been given are each serving a second term on the board, and neither of them were in charge of a committee last year.

It is no small task to assign the members upon these committees so as to get the best results and at the same time to be fair with all members, but we believe the arrangement as here presented, will give entire satisfaction and that the county will receive the best of service from the county board during the year. The new tax law has abolished the committee of supervisors who have heretofore qualified the assessments as made by the township assessors, and a committee, known as the board of review, and composed of the chairman of the board, the county clerk and a citizen to be appointed by the county judge, will hereafter have full power to correct and equalize the assessment, after they have passed through the hands of the assessor and the supervisor of assessments.

The full list of real and personal property will be published about the last of June, and the board of review will then convene and hear complaints and correct such assessments as may appear to be radically wrong.

THE COMMITTEES

Judiciary—Best chairman, Hockaday, Hollinger, Van Gilder, Hanes Roads and Bridges—Orr chairman, Ribet, Hanes Wooley, Sleeter

Finance—Nichey chairman, Rucker, Orr Woodcock, Davidson

Tax and Salary—Dean chairman, Tiek 1, Woodcock, Wooley, Record

Miscellaneous Claims—Rucker chairman, Magee, Wooley, Sleeter, Orr

Printing—Stoy chairman, Graves, Hollinger, Wooley, Hockaday

Pauper and Poor Farm—Graves chairman, Ward, Hays, Sleeter, Best, Weigand, Record

Public and Private Institutions—Hockaday chairman, Ribet, Ward, Wooley, Stoy

Public Buildings—Davidson chairman, Hays, Magee, Nichey, Kipp

Purchasing—Kipp chairman, Van Gilder, Weigand, Rucker, Dean

SUNDAY AT U. B. CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. King Will Give Echoes from the Bible Conference.

The pastor, Rev. M. E. Spry, will preach at the church in the morning on "Human Weakness and Divine Supremacy." In the evening Rev. J. A. F. King, who spent two weeks at Dayton, Ohio, attending general board meetings and the J. Wilbur Chapman bible conference, will deliver an address in which he will tell of United Brethren in the Gen. City and of the great board meeting, which he attended. Rev. King is a member of the board of missions and has looked well into all the general interests of the church at headquarters. This address will be very helpful and instructive to all interested in the church.

OLD FOLKS' CONCERT

Will be Given at the Congregational Church Monday Evening.

At the Congregational church next Monday evening the members of the entertainment committee of the Ladies' society will give an old folks' concert. The committee is composed of Mrs. Charles Dawson chairman, Mrs. C. P. Thatcher, Mrs. C. D. Hayward and Mrs. William Cash. The concert will be quite unique. Those who take part and the ushers will be attired in the costumes of 50 years ago and the music rendered will be chosen

from the old fashioned selections. Miss Nellie Moore, the pianist, will play an old fashioned tune and solos will be given by Mrs. Beatrice Toller, Charles Hoy, Arthur Keith, Wilbur Starling, Fred Rust, Miss Grace Hubbard, Mrs. Robert I. Hunt and Anna Summerville.

The chorus will be composed of the following: Mrs. Harbo Maris, Mrs. Clarence Wait, Mr. C. D. Hayward, Mrs. William Cash, Mrs. F. P. Howard, Miss Halstead, Miss Hubbard, Miss Childs, Mr. Clark, R. W. Childson, Will Brown, Miss Bessie Keith, Miss Frances Keith, Miss Mary Hubbard will be head usher and she will be assisted by the following young ladies: Misses Alice Bervan, Mary Sawyer, Celia Arthur and Louise Oard.

The proceeds of the entertainment will go in the treasury of the society.

SET THE TIME.

Ed. Republican—There has been some little difference of opinion among wheelmen as to the time in the evening when it is necessary to light their bicycle lamps. Would it not be a good idea for the authorities to publish in the daily papers each day the time at which all wheelmen should have their lamps lighted. This would save an endless amount of discussion and at the same time enable all bicycle riders to intelligently obey the law.

WHEELMAN.

Tabernacle Endeavor Changed.

The Senior Endeavor society of the Christian tabernacle will hereafter meet Monday evenings instead of Sunday as for many months past. The society now has an elegant room in which to hold its services. The large space beneath the platform at the tabernacle has been converted into a pretty hall large enough for 200 people. The walls are painted white, the windows tastefully curtained and the pillars and steam pipes decorated with the national colors. The mid week meetings of the church are all held in this room.

A Fine Exhibit.

The H. Mueller Manufacturing Co. will have a fine exhibit at the big water works convention which will be held at Columbus, Ohio. To the ladies who attend the convention the Mueller company will give handsomely engraved souvenir spoons. They have 100 of these solid silver souvenirs and among the gentlemen they will distribute about 300 silver headed canes. Fred Mueller is now in Columbus. H. Mueller will leave Sunday night and Adolph Mueller will leave on Tuesday.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at J. E. King's and C. P. Shilling's drug stores.

With the Sick

Miss Lottie Crawford is convalescent. The infant daughter of Mrs. Hill is very low with spinal meningitis.

The small son of S. F. Mount of 1378 North Calhoun street is very ill.

Miss Andrews of 811 North Union street is suffering with an attack of heart trouble.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

My son was afflicted with rheumatism which contracted his right limb until he was unable to walk. After using one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was able to be about again. I can heartily recommend it to persons suffering from rheumatism. John Snider, Freed, Calhoun co., W. Va. For sale by J. E. King and C. P. Shilling.

Ill. Cent. R. R. Co.

Will sell to Denver, Col., and return, at \$38.40, account C. P. church meeting. Good going May 15 and 16. Returning not later than June 13. 1899. Leave here at 11 a. m. arrive at Denver at 6:20 p. m. next day. For further information call at City Ticket Office or Union Depot—3 ddt

Meeting Tonight.

There will be a meeting of the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, advisory committee and all the canvassers of the state Sunday school convention at room No. 1 in the First M. E. church at 7:30 sharp this evening.

Banns Published

The marriage banns of Mrs. Louise Schuman and James Brinkman have been published for the first time at St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Chodak's

Little Dutch cigars are excellent for 10 cents.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Melrose Moran of West Wood street on Friday, May 12, a daughter.

All wool ingrain carpet 45c per yard at Scovill's—4-29 ddt

## FINAL WORK

End of Woman's Club Year is Near.

REPORTS AND ELECTIONS

Will Constitute the Greater Part of the Work in the Coming

Month—Next Week's

Calendar.

The work in the Woman's Club for the coming month will consist of gathering up the loose ends of the business of the year, arranging the work for the coming year and the election of officers in the various divisions. Already the committees have been appointed to arrange the work for the different divisions. Reports from a number of the divisions will be heard in the coming week. On Monday afternoon Mrs. W. I. will submit the report of the finance committee to the Society. On Tuesday one or two of the other divisions will also be heard from in the evening regarding the program for the year's work.

The Child Study division will meet at the next meeting, which will be held on May 15. The Literature division will hold its next meeting on May 21. So far as the final meeting on May 29 and the other divisions will finish their work during the last week in the month. The program for the week ending May 21 is as follows:

Monday, May 15—Society's division. Mrs. Lulu Gillmore chairman. Subject, "Whittier." Miss Josephine Anderson.

Tuesday, May 16—Church's division. Mrs. J. G. Keller chairman. Subject, "From Chittenden to Emerson," chapter VIII, pages 311 to 318. "Walks and Talks in a Garden," chapter XLII. In the "Cathedral," "Hardware Trade in the United States."

Wednesday, May 17—Shall present division. Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetter chairman. Subject, "Othello," act 3, act 3. Mrs. Lila Philbrook leader. Mrs. Minnie P. Hostetter, the chairman, has returned from an extended visit in the south and will preside.

Thursday, May 18—Art and Literature division. Mrs. J. G. Keller chairman. Subject, "Travels With a Donkey in Convalescence," Mrs. Chas. "Weir of Hermiston," Mrs. West.

Friday, May 19—Musical division. Mrs. Laura Shaffer chairman.

SEE THE NASHVILLE.

\$1.50 Excursion to St. Louis, Saturday and Sunday Next.

Grand Excursion via Wabash R. R. to St. Louis Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, account arrival of gunboat Nashville. Only \$1.50 round trip. Tickets sold for trains leaving Decatur 7:10 a. m. and 7:10 p. m. Saturday and 7:10 a. m. and 7:10 p. m. Sunday. All tickets good returning up to and including train No. 4, leaving St. Louis 5 a. m. Monday, May 15—10 dt

For Bar Use.

Spradel Water adds a zest and sparkle to the finest wines and liquors. It is entirely free from all alkaline properties which unfit many carbonated waters for such use.

Additional Features.

There are two additional features in the program for the state Sunday school convention which was published yesterday. On Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be primary workers' supper and conference at the Grace M. E. church. On Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock state Sunday school Normal class will hold their annual banquet at the Presbyterian church.

Insurance Co. office moves

agains, Scovill Co—4-29 ddt

Home From Ohio.

Rev. George F. Hall arrived from Ohio today where he had been on a tour of inspection.

Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. at the Tabernacle.

Ladies' Defiance, \$30; Queen \$15. Illinois Cutlery Co.

Back to Chicago.

Frank R. Willey, who has been in the city, will return to Chicago, where he will continue his studies in drawing. He is currently in-charge of the architectural engineers, after having several months service in China.

## FILIPINOS TO A DECISION

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